

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Pond for extending the courtesy of an Examiner Interview to Applicants' representatives on December 11, 2003.

Claims 1-6 and 9-14 are pending upon entry of the foregoing Amendment. Claims 7, 8, and 15-17 have been withdrawn in response to a restriction requirement. By the foregoing Amendment, claims 1 and 9 are amended. In view of these amendments and following comments, allowance of all the claims pending in the application is respectfully requested.

Objections to the Drawings

Figures 1 and 2 have been amended to include a "Prior Art" legend as requested by the Examiner thereby rendering this objection moot.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-6 and 9-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,016,504 to Arnold et al. ("Arnold"). Applicants traverse this rejection because Arnold does not disclose all the features of the claimed invention.

However, solely in an effort to expedite prosecution of this matter, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 9 to further clarify certain features of the invention. Specifically, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 9 to recite receiving, by an intermediary, a request for a second electronic document, and generating, by the intermediary, an updated second electronic document. Arnold does not disclose at least these features of the invention. In fact, Arnold specifically describes an operation wherein an updated electronic document (webpage) is generated at the merchant site. (See e.g., Arnold, column 7, lines 54-65). For at least this reason, Applicants submit that claims 1 and 9 are patentable over Arnold.

Claims 2-6 and 10-14 each depend from and add additional features to one of

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independent claims 1 and 9. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully submit that these dependent claims 2-6 and 10-14 are patentable over Arnold.

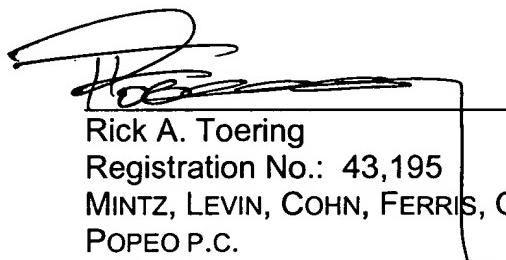
Having addressed each of the foregoing rejections, it is respectfully submitted that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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